Animals & Our Youth: A Need for Further Education

"Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar"

-Bradley Miller

Participating Groups

- Key Learning Community
- Mary Rigg Center
- Daymar Center
- Resource Treatment Center
- Concord Neighborhood Center
- Roncalli High School
- Lawrence Township Schools

- Girl Scouts of the USA
- Boy Scouts of America
- Respect Academy
- Perry Meridian High School
- University of Indianapolis
- IUPUI
- Imagination Station
- Many, Many More

Forms of Participation

- Shelter Visitation
  - Service Learning
- Mentor Students
  - Classroom Visit
    - School Clubs
    - Volunteering
- Birthday Parties

Shelter Visitation

- Shelter tour
- Program includes:
  - Insight into daily operations
  - Educational presentation
  - Animal socialization
  - Animal bathing
  - Q & A session

Service Learning

- Community service work required as part of curriculum
- Hours donated to IACC; activities include:
  - Animal socialization
  - Animal bathing
  - Off-site adoption events
- Donations collected on behalf of shelter

Mentor Students

- Career preparation
- Weekly schedule
- Hands-on activities
- Learn responsibility
- Beautify building
- Animal transports

Classroom Visits

- Visit from IACC staff
  - Animal control officer
  - Community outreach
- Message
  - Animal welfare
  - Animal safety
  - Responsibility
- Live animals

School Clubs

- Organized at high school/college level
- Meet fellow classmates/animal enthusiasts
- Promote animal responsibility
- Perform niche assignments
  - University of Indianapolis socializes puppies
  - Roncalli High School funded Puppy Bowl event

Volunteering

- Open to all ages
- Bonding opportunity for families
- Activities include:
  - Walking dogs
  - Interaction with cats
  - Bathing dogs
  - Aide in the adoption process
- Allows parents to educate

Birthday Parties

- Open to children 12 & under
  - Birthday child + up to nine guests
- Tour IACC facility
- Learn about shelter animals
  - Meet various animals
  - Interact with dogs & cats
- Animal-themed games

Examples of Lessons

- Proper ways to care for animals
- Types of animals in shelters
  - Reasons why they end-up in shelters
  - What animals make good pets
- Impact of spay/neuter surgeries
- Microchipping
- Animal Cruelty
- Animal Safety

Why is Animal Education Important?

- Responsibility
- Kindness
- Respect
- Development
- Prevention
- Inspires

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